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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56 and 1.97-1.98, Applicant(s) note(s) herewith various reference(s) for the Examiner's consideration. The Examiner is respectfully requested to review and officially consider and make the reference(s) of record before issuing the first Office Action in connection with this case.

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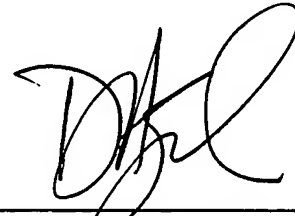
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literature, if applicable, is/are enclosed.) The Examiner is respectfully requested to return an initialed copy of form 1449B/PTO along with the next communication in connection with this case.

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Should the Examiner have any questions or wish to discuss further this matter, please contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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